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Unless otherwise indicated, a full text copy of the entire reference of published art is attached. Where specifically indicated, an equivalent English language patent or publication is attached in lieu of the translation.

In accordance with the Patent and Trademark Office Notice of August 15, 1980, also enclosed is a completed Form PTO-A820 (Form PTO-1449).

Please consider the following published art:

Kefa Cen, Xiaodong Li, Yangxin Li, Jianhua Yan, Yueliang Shen, Shaorong Liang & Mingjiang Ni, Experimental study of a finned tubes impact gas-solid separator for CFB boilers, Chemical Engineering Journal 66 (1997) pages 159-169, discloses an apparatus for removal of solids from a gas stream of a CFB boiler.

S. De, A. K. Lal & P. K. Nag, An experimental investigation on pressure drop and collection efficiency of simple plate-type impact separator, Powder Technology 106 (1999) pages 192-198, discloses an apparatus for removal of solids from a gas stream of a CFB boiler.

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